SUBJECT No. 16.

Amendment of Section 8 (1) of the Village Offices Regulation.

Messrs. K. Shankaranarayana Rao, Shimoga Municipality; and S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Nagar Sabha.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 17.

Establishment of Village Panchayet and Village Munsiffs' Courts.

(1) Messrs. Agali Venkatramaiya and Ugre Gowda, Sira Taluk; Hutchire Gowda, Gubbi Taluk; Madappa, Mysore Taluk; and Chiksubba Rao, Hunsur Taluk.
(2) Messrs. K. Shamiengar and Nadig Bheema Rao, Channagiri Taluk.
(3) Mr. Shama Udupa, Nagar Taluk.
(4) Mr. S. Ramanna, Hassan Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The Village Panchayet Regulation and the scheme of Village Munsiffs' Courts may be introduced at least in one or two places as an experimental measure.

(2) This subject has been repeatedly urged but no action has yet been taken. To facilitate the disposal of petty disputes, it is prayed that Village Panchayet Courts may be established.

(3) To facilitate the formation of Village Panchayet Courts, it is proposed that four or five villages may be grouped together and that a Panchayet consisting of respectable persons may be formed to decide disputes involving small amounts. This will obviate the necessity of going to law courts at considerable expense and encourage thrift among the ryots.

(4) Petty disputes of a civil nature are increasing in villages. Poor people cannot afford to go to civil courts. It would be better if Village Panchayets are organised for each village or for a group of two or three villages to dispose of disputes involving sums not exceeding Rs. 50. It is prayed that Government may pass a law to this effect.

Reply of Government.—The draft bill is under consideration.

The Dewan then desired the members to state whether in their opinion evidence should be recorded in the trial of cases before the village courts. The members replied that the procedure followed in summary trials by criminal courts might be adopted.

SUBJECT No. 18.

Introduction of the Mamlatdar's Act.

(1) Mr. Lingappa, Harihar Sub-Taluk.
(2) Messrs. Madappa and Sidde Gowda, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Amildars may be empowered to settle petty disputes between lessors and lessees of lands. By this measure great relief will be given to the public as their time and money will be saved. Only contested and important cases will go to civil courts. This Act is in force in the Bombay Presidency.

(2) The Bombay Mamlatdars Act may be introduced to enable Amildars to decide on the spot disputes as to encroachment, etc.